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THE FOLLOWING POINTS HAVE BEEN USED TO MAKE UP
A DRAFT RESPONSE FOR THE SECRETARY IN HIS REPLY TO A
TOAST BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THE VIANA PALACE
DINNER DECEMBER 18:

1. COMPLIMENTARY OPENING ALLUDING TO SPAIN'S
VINEYARD PRODUCTS IN MAKING A TOAST AND IN SPANISH
AMERICAN RELATIONS DERIVING FROM THE CULTURAL IMPACT
SPAIN HAS HAD ON THE U.S. SINCE THE EARLIEST YEARS OF
ITS DEVELOPMENT.

2. PARALLEL BETWEEN SPAIN'S RAPID PROGRESS AND THE
EVOLVING NATURE OF U.S. SPANISH RELATIONS.

3. THESE RELATIONS NOT (REPEAT NOT) LIMITED TO
TRADE AND DEFENSE AS CRITICS OFTEN STRESS BUT
SPAN THE GAMUT OF HUMAN ENDEAVOR. THIS IS REFLECTED
IN AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION.

4. FRIENDSHIP IS NOT SYNONIMOUS WITH IDENTICAL
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VIEWS; AND ROOM FOR DISAGREEMENT WILL ALWAYS EXIST.

5. SPAIN IS NOT TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND EUROPE AS CRITICS SAY: U.S. HAS LONG ADVOCATED SPAIN'S ENTRY IN NATO AND CLOSER TIES WITH EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

6. IMPORTANT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES RECOGNIZE THEIR OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS FRIENDS AND ALLIES, AS WELL AS TOWARD EACH OTHER.

7. CLOSE ON OPTIMISTIC NOTE WISHING PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

8. SUGGESTED TEXT FOR THE ABOVE POINTS:

THE PLEASANT TASK OF RAISING THE CUP AT THE END OF THIS DINNER TO ANSWER YOUR GRACIOUS WORDS IS TWICE AS PLEASANT FOR ME, MR. MINISTER. FIRST, BECAUSE THE CUP HOLDS THIS MARVELOUS PRODUCT OF SPAIN'S VINEYARDS. ALSO, MORE IMPORTANTLY, BECAUSE ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO SEARCH FOR EUPHEMISMS IN DESCRIBING US-SPANISH RELATIONS OR THE PROFOUND IMPACT THAT SPANISH HISTORY AND CULTURE HAVE HAD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF MY COUNTRY. INDEED, LONG BEFORE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THIRTEEN COLONIES ASSEMBLED IN PHILADELPHIA TO DECLARE THEIR INDEPENDENCE FROM COLONIAL RULE, SPANISH EXPLORERS AND MISSIONARIES HAD LEFT THE INDELIBLE MARK OF YOUR COUNTRY'S CULTURAL HERITAGE ON THE LAND THAT WAS TO BE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. FROM PONCE DE LEON'S SEARCH FOR ETERNAL YOUTH ON ONE SHORE TO FRAY JUNIPERO SIERRA'S MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE ON THE OTHER, SPAIN HAS ENCOMPASSED IN A SYMBOLIC EMBRACE THAT VAST CONTINENT. AND TODAY, WITH HISPANO-AMERICANS IN THE U.S. CONSTITUTING THE FIFTH-LARGEST SPANISH-SPEAKING BODY OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD, AMERICANS CAN LOOK AT THE FLORIDA CITY OF SAINT AUGUSTINE, THE OLDEST SETTLEMENT IN NORTH AMERICA, AS THE FIRST IN A LONG SERIES OF LINKS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES. ONE OF YOUR OWN DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMATS, CARLOS FERNANDEZ SHAW, HAS TREATED THIS SUBJECT MOST KNOWLEDGEABLY IN HIS WORK "THE SPANISH PRESENCE IN THE UNITED STATES."

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I COULD ADD SEVERAL OTHER REASONS FOR THE PLEASURE THIS OCCASION REPRESENTS FOR ME, FOREMOST AMONG THEM THE FACT THAT I HAVE RENEWED MY ACQUAINTANCE WITH YOU, MR. MINISTER, AND WITH THIS FASCINATING LAND OF YOURS. IT HAS NOW BEEN MORE THAN THREE YEARS SINCE I HAVE TROD ITS SOIL, AND WHAT I AM LEARNING OF ITS PROGRESS IS INDEED IMPRESSIVE.

I WISH TO TAKE THIS RAPIDLY-EXPANDING, CONSTANTLY-IM-
PROVING IMAGE OF YOUR COUNTRY'S PROGRESS AS THE
YARDSTICK WITH WHICH TO ASSESS THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BOTH VIS-A-VIS EACH OTHER AND IN
THE WORLDWIDE CONTEXT OF WHICH THEY ARE A PART.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THE DYNAMIC NATURE OF OUR RELATIONS CAN
BE FOUND IN THE MULTIPLICITY OF THEIR DIMENSION. EVEN A
CASUAL OBSERVER MUST ADMIT THAT THE RANGE OF OUR RELATIONS
EXTENDS FAR BEYOND THE TWO TRADITIONAL SECTORS --
TRADE AND DEFENSE -- USUALLY UNDERSCORED BY OUR CRITICS.
INDEED, I CAN ALMOST THINK OF NO MAJOR FIELD OF
HUMAN ENDEAVOR WHICH IN THE LAST TWO DECADES HAS NOT BECOME
AN AREA OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES. FROM THE
MINUTE WORLD OF MICROBIOLOGY TO THE IMMENSITY OF SPACE,
FROM THE SEARCH FOR MORE ABUNDANT HARVESTS TO THE QUEST
FOR A BETTER ENVIRONMENT, YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE HAVE
WOVEN A MAGIC CARPET OF INTERDEPENDENCE AND MUTUAL
ASSISTANCE BWTWEEN THE TWO SHORES OF THE ATLANTIC.

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IT IS PRECISELY THIS MULTI-FACETED NATURE OF OUR
RELATIONS THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE AGREEMENT OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION OF 1970, SOON TO BECOME THE
OBJECT OF OUR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO ITS RENEWAL. I
BELIEVE I AM INTERPRETING THE HOPE OF BOTH OUR NATIONS
WHEN I EXPRESS THE WISH THAT SPAIN AND THE UNITED STATES
CONTINUE TO BE IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT, IN SINCERE FRIEND-

SHIP, AND CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE YEARS AFTER 1975.

NATURALLY, EVEN THE FULLEST AGREEMENT, THE CLOSEST COOPERATION, AND THE MOST SINCERE FRIENDSHIP DO NOT NECESSARILY MEAN IDENTICAL VIEWPOINTS OR INTERESTS. THE VERY NATURE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IS BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF COMPROMISING DIVERSE VIEWS AND CONTRASTING NEEDS. THUS, SPAIN WILL OF NECESSITY FIND ITSELF IN OCCASIONAL DISAGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES, WHILE THE LATTER MAY HAVE TO RECONCILE THE DESIRABILITY OF A COURSE OF ACTION WITH LESS THAN FLEXIBLE OBLIGATIONS IN A GIVEN QUARTER. HOWEVER, AS WE STRIVE FOR A HEALTHY MEASURE OF REALISM, LET US ALSO KEEP IN MIND THE NEED FOR A BASIC CLIMATE OF KINSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL HELP US BRIDGE THE OTHERWISE FORBIDDING RAMPARTS OF EGOTISM AND CHAUVINISM. AT THE SAME TIME, LET US WORK TOWARD DISPELLING FALSE AND DANGEROUS NOTIONS OCCAIONALLY CIRCULATING IN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SUCH AS THAT SPAIN SHOULD HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MY COUNTRY AND EUROPE, AS IF IT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WERE A CASE OF MATRIMONY OR OF RECONCILING INCOMPATIBLE LIAISONS. IT IS A MATTER OF RECORD, UNDENIABLE EVEN BY THE MOST OBSTINATE CRITIC, THAT MY COUNTRY HAS CONSISTENTLY BACKED SPAIN IN ITS NATURAL DESIRE TO SHORTEN THE DISTANCE THAT SEPARATES IT FROM THE REST OF WESTERN EUROPE. FOR A LONG TIME NOW, AND UNDER FOUR ADMINISTRATIONS, MY COUNTRY HAS ADVOCATED SPAIN'S ENTRY INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. IN FACT, WE BELIEVE THAT THE TWO NOTIONS ARE ONLY TWO ASPECTS OF THE SAME CONCEPT: NAMELY THAT THE DRIVE TOWARD ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY INTEGRATION IN EUROPE IS MADE ALL THAT MUCH HARDER BY THE EXCLUSION OF SPAIN.

THUS, RATHER THAN POSING FOR SPAIN THE NON-EXISTING CHOICE BETWEEN THE US AND EUROPE, ONE SHOULD LOOK AT THE SPECIFIC, WELL-DEFINABLE US COMMERCIAL INTERESTS THAT MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY CLOSER TIES BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. LOOKED AT FROM THIS REALISTIC VIEWPOINT, AND ABOVE ALL IN THAT ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT IS TYPICAL OF DEALINGS AMONG FRIENDS AND ALLIES, NONE OF THOSE OBSTACLES WILL BE INSURMOUNTABLE. ACTUALLY, THE AIRING OF DIVERSE OPINIONS AND VIEWPOINTS IN A FRAMEWORK OF SELF-ENLIGHTENED INTEREST AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING CAN ONLY RESULT IN A MULTIPLICITY OF OPTIONS FOR ALL TO CHOOSE FROM, IN THE ULTIMATE INTEREST OF ALL.

IT IS IN THIS SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING NOW PERMEATING THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO

COUNTRIES THAT I WISH TO LOOK TO THE YEARS AHEAD WITH**
A HEALTHY MEASURE OF OPTIMISM, SAFE IN THE NOTION THAT
WE SHALL ALWAYS APPRECIATE OUR RESPECTIVE REQUIREMENTS
AND OBLIGATIONS TOWARD EACH OTHER, AS WELL AS TOWARD
OUR OTHER FRIENDS AND ALLIES.

IT IS TO THIS SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING,
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND AMONG ALL OF US NATION-
STATES OF THIS WESTERN WORLD, THAT I NOW RAISE MY CUP IN
A SINCERE WISH FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN YEARS TO COME.

9. DRAFT POINTS AND TEXT FOR TOAST AT LUNCH HONORING THE
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